

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF INDIANA
INDIANAPOLIS DIVISION

PARADIGM LIVING CONCEPTS,)	
LLC d/b/a PARADIGM HEALTH,)	
)	
Plaintiff,)	
)	
vs.)	Case No.: 1:20-cv-01066-TWP-DLP
)	
GREAT LAKES ACQUISITION,)	District Judge Tanya Walton Pratt
CORP. d/b/a GREAT LAKES)	
CARING, a part of the ELARA)	Magistrate Judge Doris L. Pryor
CARING NETWORK and)	
COMMUNITY HOME HEALTH)	
NETWORK OF INDIANA, LLC, a)	
part of the ELARA CARING)	
NETWORK,)	
)	
Defendants.)	
)	
vs.)	
)	
AMY STONE, a nominal defendant.)	

**Reply Brief in Support of Motion to Transfer Venue Under 28 U.S.C. § 1404 or in
the Alternative for Dismissal Under Rule 12(b)(6)**

Plaintiff Paradigm Living Concepts, LLC now admits that this case should be transferred to the Eastern District of Michigan, where substantive litigation is pending. *See* R. 16, Pg ID 154. And she offers no argument in opposition to the alternate relief requested: that this case should be dismissed due to the pending substantive action. Procedurally, it would be easiest for the Court to dismiss. But if the Court does not, there is now no dispute that the case should be transferred.

The rest of Plaintiff's response brief is a tempest in a teapot. Contrary to Plaintiff's accusation (*id.* at 153), Defendants specifically said that "On March 4, 2020, Elara's counsel sent Paradigm and Stone a copy of the contract and demanded that (1) Stone stop violating her contract; and (2) that Paradigm stop tortiously interfering with that contract. *Id.* ¶ 43." R. 13, Pg ID 89. And Plaintiff's brief does not bother to contest that (a) Elara's counsel specifically thought negotiations were ongoing; (b) had asked Paradigm's outgoing counsel to facilitate those negotiations with incoming counsel; and that (c) the incoming counsel, fully aware of these facts, filed the declaratory judgment action without notice to Elara's counsel. Those are the sort of circumstances that *courts* suggest reflect improper litigation tactics: that is, a putative defendant filing a declaratory judgment action in the wrong forum because it knows it is about to be imminently sued elsewhere. *See id.* at 95. That is what happened here, but it is now beside the point.

Conclusion

For the reasons set forth in Defendant's motion and brief, this case should be dismissed, or transferred to the Eastern District of Michigan, Southern Division.

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Respectfully submitted,

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